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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS KOREA

1. KIM SANG-JIN, BLUE HOUSE SPOKESMAN, CALLED
AMBASSADOR SHORT TIME AGO. SAID TOKYO SHIMBUN AND
SANKEI WERE CARRYING REPORTS THAT USG HAD MADE
DECISION EXCLUDE KOREA AND THAILAND FROM ITS "LINE
OF DEFENSE" IN ASIA. SAID REPORTS WERE SOURCED TO
"STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS."
2. KIM APREHENSIVE AT THESE STORIES DRAWING OBVIOUS
PARALLEL TO ACHESON SPEECH PRIOR KOREA WAR.
AMBASSADOR ATTEMPTED TO REASSURE HIM WITH SOME
SUCCESS BUT KIM STILL CONCERNED THAT STORY WILL BE
GIVEN WIDE PLAY THROUGHOUT ASIA AND ESPECIALLY IN
KOREA WITH SUBSEQUENT DECLINE KOREAN PUBLIC MORALE
WHICH IS ALREADY SHAKY FOLLOWING RECENT EVENTS INDOCHINA.
3. THESE REPORTS HAVE JUST BEEN BROADCAST DONG-A
RADIO. STRONGLY URGE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ISSUE
ON-THE-RECORD AND FORCEFUL DENIAL SINCE WE COMPLETELY
SHARE KIM'S APPREHENSIONS OVER EFFECT OF STORY LOCALLY,
AS WELL AS WITH RESPECT NORTHKOREAN ATTITUDES.

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